

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

✓ Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 1, line 1, and in the abstract, page 29, line 1, please delete the title and substitute therefor --PARTICLE-MEDIATED DELIVERY OF ANTIGENS--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-12 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims.

--13. A method for inducing a cellular immune response in a mammalian subject, said method comprising:

- (a) coating a biologically inert particle with an antigen to obtain a coated particle, wherein the particle has sufficient density to be delivered directly into a cell; and
- (b) accelerating the coated particle into a target cell of the mammalian subject in an amount sufficient to induce in the mammal a cellular immune response specific to the antigen.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the coated particle is accelerated into the cell by the force generated by a gaseous discharge.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the coated particle is accelerated into the cell by the force generated by an electrostatic discharge.